

#### REMARKS

The Final Office Action of October 28, 1999 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and, in view of the amendments herein to the claims and the following representations, reconsideration of the application in its present form is respectfully requested.

First, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 8 to add the limitation that the magnetic shielding material provides attenuation of magnetic field interference up to 100 Kilohertz, as noted in the specification at page 7, lines 12-14 and page 14, lines 7-11. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendment.

In view of the amendment herein of Claims 1 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1 and 8 more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention.

With respect to the rejection under 35 USC 103 based on obviousness, in view of the enclosed Section 132 Declaration of Myron Kahn, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No.5,446,617 of Blocher in view of the CO-NECTIC publication reference be withdrawn.

The Declarant Myron Kahn has been an eminent expert in the fluorescent lighting industry for over 40 years.

The substance of Myron Kahn's Declaration under Rule 132 is that the present invention demonstrates unexpected beneficial results overlooked by thousands of persons skilled in the fluorescent light field. He attests to the fact that Applicant's research is persuasive in explaining the damaging effects of electromagnetism from fluorescent lamp ballasts upon humans, and that Applicant solves the problems of visual discomfort, dry eye and other visual problems associated with this electromagnetism.

He goes on to state that shielding these fluorescent lamp ballasts will greatly reduce or eliminate these adverse effects of the electromagnetic components.

Since Myron Kahn has attested to the fact that Applicant's subject matter provides superior unexpected results in solving a long-felt need in the lighting industry, Applicant's claims are not obvious.


Applicant has made a good faith effort to place the claims in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103 is requested to be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition  
for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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